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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr SELIGMAN, Mr J.D. TAYLOR, Mr HARRIS,  
Mr PROVAN, Mr HOPPER, Mrs KELLETT-BOWMAN,  
Mr PURVIS and Mr NEWTON DUNN

with request for an early vote  
pursuant to Rule 47(5) of the Rules of Procedure

to wind up the debate on oral question  
Doc. 1-699/79 on the/safety of pressurized  
water reactors.

The European Parliament,

- aware of the essential contribution that nuclear power makes to social and economic wellbeing in the Community,
  - applauding the energy investment programme of France with the objective of meeting 75% of electricity demand from nuclear power,
  - noting the decision by the then British Socialist Government in January 1978 to authorize a pressurized water reactor (PWR) provided design work is satisfactorily completed and all necessary government and other consents and safety clearances have been obtained,
1. Welcomes the decision, announced by the British Government on 18 December 1979, to plan 15 GW of additional nuclear electricity generating capacity during the decade 1982-1992;
  2. Believes that the overriding importance of safety in nuclear power is such that the lessons of events at the Three Mile Island nuclear plant and the experience of operating 153 light and pressurized water reactors elsewhere in the world should be systematically applied so that public confidence in the Community as a whole in the safety of nuclear power may be continually strengthened;
  3. Calls on the Commission to present an annual report to Parliament on the operating performance of nuclear reactors in the Community, and, through information exchanges in the International Atomic Energy Agency and in the International Energy Agency, to provide Parliament with comparative information on nuclear reactor performance around the world, and to make proposals for improvements to the functional and operational safety of nuclear reactors in the Community;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission and to the Governments of the Member States.